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*Committees of the Council concerned with matters of Public
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WATER COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Clerk:

MISS G. H. PROWSE

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
PLYMPTON ST. MARY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1963.

There have been no serious outbreaks of infectious disease. There were at one time several cases of Sonne Dysentery. It is now thought that the chief method of spread is by transmission of the organism through the air. It does persist in those who have become infected, who remain a reservoir of infection for a considerable time. In some districts it has persisted and increased in spite of all efforts to eradicate it. Although it is impossible to say that the disease is non-existent now in this area, there have been no outbreaks of fresh cases.

Considerable progress continues to be made in the provision of housing. However much is provided it always appears to be insufficient. There has also been an advance in the demolition of unfit properties. Adequate housing is essential for a happy population. Further progress has been made in the building of old people's bungalows. During the year bungalows were finished at Plymstock, and facilities for communication between the bungalows and the Warden's house were provided in co-operation with the County Council. At Plympton a bell system was used; at Plymstock a microphone system, allowing for speech between the wardens and bungalows, is being tried. So far it has proved successful.

A great deal of the success of old people's dwellings, with resident wardens, depends on the quality of the wardens, especially as it is a comparatively new venture and they can receive little guidance. We are extremely fortunate in this District in our Wardens at Plympton and Plymstock.

Progress is being made in the provision of sewerage works. Although an easy and cheap method of disposal is to pour all the sewage into the sea, with the increase in holiday traffic and increased use of the sea around the coast, this is not without some danger—not very great if into the deep water of the open sea, but undoubtedly present if into the confined water of estuaries.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area—66,600 acres, of which 174 are inland water.

Population—1951 Census	... ..	31,820
Population estimated to the middle of 1963	... ..	42,210
Rateable Value 31/3/63	... ..	£604,145
Amount produced by a 1d. Rate 1962/63	... ..	£2,424-0-7

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1963

LIVE BIRTHS

	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	
Legitimate	721	361	360	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popu- lation, 17·67.
Illegitimate	25	17	8	
	<u>746</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>368</u>	

STILL BIRTHS	15	6	9	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 19·71.
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DEATHS	... 577	295	282	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popu- lation, 13·43.
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Deaths from Puerperal Causes	... —	—	—	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, Nil.
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DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All Infants per 1,000 live births	14·74
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		15·25
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		Nil

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

All Infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	9·38
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	... ..	9·70
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		Nil

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

All Infants per 1,000 live births	9.38
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	9.70
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births	1.04
Deaths	0.96

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	1963	1962
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	1	1	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	1	1	2	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping cough	1	—	1	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	1	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	3	5	8	12
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	17	2	19	16
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	10	10	8
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	4	4	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	27	32	59	30
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	2	5	3
16. Diabetes	—	2	2	7
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	45	72	67
18. Coronary disease, angina	74	39	113	100
19. Hypertension with heart disease	8	7	15	7
20. Other heart disease	38	48	86	62
21. Other circulatory disease	18	5	23	27
22. Influenza	2	2	4	1
23. Pneumonia	15	24	39	17
24. Bronchitis	15	7	22	15
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	5	3	8	6

CAUSES OF DEATH—*continued*

	Males	Females	1963	1962
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	1	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	2	4	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2	3	7
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	—	4	5
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	2	1	3	5
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	16	32	48	36
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	6	2	8	5
34. All other accidents	6	4	10	12
35. Suicide	2	—	2	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—
	<hr/> 295 <hr/>	<hr/> 282 <hr/>	<hr/> 577 <hr/>	<hr/> 456 <hr/>

DEATHS OVER 65

There were 439, viz.:	51	between	65	and	70
	93	„	70	„	75
	88	„	75	„	80
	110	„	80	„	85
	67	„	85	„	90
	25	„	90	„	95
	4	„	95	„	100
	1	over	100		

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL
OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of notifications was 1051, as compared with 228 during the previous year.

SCARLET FEVER

24 cases were notified as compared with 15 during the previous year. Most of the cases occurred in the parish of Plymstock (15). The disease was of a very mild character.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS

No cases of Poliomyelitis were notified.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Council's employees under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

TUBERCULOSIS (*see pages 11 and 12*)

With regard to the extent of notification before death, the following table shows the date of notification :

Sex	Age	Date notified	Died
F.	80	12-12-62	29-1-63

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE FOR THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Bickleigh	Brixton	Cornwood	Ermington	Harford	Holbeton	Ivybridge	Newton and Noss	Plympton St. Mary	Plympton St. Maurice	Plymstock	Shaugh Prior	Wembury	Yealinton	TOTALS
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	1	15	—	—	—	24
PNEUMONIA ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	5
ERYSIPELAS ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	6
WHOOPING COUGH ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	26	3	21	—	—	1	52
MEASLES ...	1	72	20	23	—	6	23	67	158	35	439	19	54	32	949
DYSENTRY ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	15
TOTALS ...	1	72	21	23	—	6	24	69	210	39	479	19	55	33	1051

**DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1963**

		AGE PERIODS NOTIFICATIONS											Total
	Under one year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	
SCARLET FEVER ...	—	1	—	2	1	18	2	—	—	—	—	—	24
PNEUMONIA ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	5
ERYSIPELAS ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	6
WHOOPING COUGH ...	4	5	10	7	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	52
MEASLES ...	18	70	106	125	96	500	24	6	2	2	—	—	949
DYSENTRY ...	—	1	—	1	—	6	6	—	1	—	—	—	15
TOTALS ...	22	77	116	135	100	547	32	6	3	3	6	4	1051

With regard to Tuberculosis affecting employees in the milk trade, no case had to be dealt with, nor had any action to be taken with regard to the compulsory removal to Hospital under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

No case was dealt with during the year.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year, 180 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples taken :

Supply	No. of samples taken	Presumptive Coliform Count per 100 ml.			
		Class 1 (less than 1)	Class 2 (1—2)	Class 3 (3—10)	Class 4 (Greater than 10)
HARFORD	19	17	1	—	1
ERME	96	76	4	4	12
YEALM/ERME	44	42	1	—	1
OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPLIES ...	21	3	2	—	16
TOTALS ...	180	138	8	4	30

Routine chemical analyses continue to be taken. Samples from the Erme, Yealm and Butterbrook vary from one another only in detail.

I indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information :

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Undertaking was taken over by the City of Plymouth on 1st April, 1963.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Ermington Sewerage Scheme is now complete, and it is hoped that the Works at Yealmpton will be fully completed by August, 1964.

Progress is being made on the Plymstock Main Drainage Scheme and on the construction of the Sewage Disposal Works at Radford. Both these schemes should be completed by mid 1965.

The Elburton (North) Drainage Scheme and Pumping Station has been completed and is fully operational.

Preliminary investigations into the design of the drainage for the Oreston area, for the extension of the Billacombe Works, and for the drainage of Newton and Noss and Wembury areas, are being carried out.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse collection and disposal has continued normally throughout the year, and a weekly collection has been afforded to the whole district with the exception of a few isolated properties.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NON-COUNCIL HOUSES DURING 1963

Parish	No. of Plans Approved	Repre- sented No. of Houses	Houses Com- pleted	Layout Plans Approved
Brixton	14	20	5	—
Cornwood	5	6	1	1
Ermington	4	15	1	1
Holbeton	5	10	7	1
Ivybridge	7	84	24	4
Newton and Noss ...	33	35	19	1
Plympton St. Mary and St. Maurice	46 3	336 3	235 6	5 —
Plymstock	128	335	233	2
Shaugh Prior	4	4	2	—
Wembury	53	55	30	3
Yealmpton	5	24	3	1
TOTAL ...	307	927	566	19

COUNCIL HOUSES

PRE-WAR HOUSING

The number of houses completed and occupied up to the commencement of the war in 1939 was 367, excluding houses transferred to Plymouth.

POST-WAR HOUSING

The number of houses completed and occupied during the post-war period up to December 31st, 1963, is as follows :

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Bickleigh	Leatside (Roborough) ...	8
Brixton	Bellows Park	70 (including 2 shops)
Cornwood	Newton	6
Do.	Crossways	16
Ermington	Ermeside Cottages	6
Holbeton	Orchard Cottages	8
Do.	1 and 2, Fore Street	2
Ivybridge	New Estate	118 (including 2 shops)
Newton and Noss	Hillside Cottages	6
Do.	Butts Park	20
Plympton St. Mary	New Park (Lee Mill)	16
Do.	George Avenue	20
Do.	Woodford	114 (including 1 shop)
Plympton St. Maurice	New Estate	386 (including 4 shops)
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	105
Do.	Pomphlett Close	60
Do.	Hooe Estate	94 (including 2 shops)
Do.	Hooe Manor Estate	136
Do.	Wembury Road (Elburton)	26
Do.	Oreston	42
Shaugh Prior	Trethewey Gardens (Wotter)	30
Do.	Lee Moor	28
Wembury	Uplands	6

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Yealmpton ...	Yeo Park	6
Yealmpton ...	Yealm Park	64
<i>Total Dwellings</i> ...		1393

The number of houses under construction at the 31st December, 1963, is as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Plympton St.		
Maurice	New Estate	4
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	55

Further contracts now being executed or in course of preparation are as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	70
Sparkwell	Birchland Road	10
<i>Total Dwellings</i> ...		80

HOUSING ACTS

SLUM CLEARANCE

Ermington (Lee Mill). 41 families were rehoused and 64 houses demolished.

Plympton St. Mary. 5 families were rehoused and 2 houses demolished.

Plympton St. Maurice. 7 houses were demolished.

Plymstock. 27 families were rehoused, and 4 houses demolished.

Yealmpton. 19 houses were demolished.

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

9 families were rehoused and 13 houses were demolished.

HOUSES MADE FIT

43 houses were made fit.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	10	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	97	56	10	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	3	—	—
Total	123	69	10	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S. 7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	3	—	3	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	4	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	2	—	2	—
TOTAL ...	2	10	—	8	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1963

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Herewith I submit the following report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended the 31st December, 1963.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

Houses inspected (Housing and Public Health Acts) ...	111
Total visits for housing purposes	832
Visits in connection with Council house applications ...	22
Factories	41
Food Premises	238
Slaughterhouses	1354
Dairies	23
Petroleum	208
Explosives	4
Infectious Disease Investigations	350
Water Supplies and Sampling	239
Nuisances investigated	212
Camps inspected	—
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act	19
Rodent Control	10
Drainage Work	244
Total number of visits for all purposes during the year	3968

HOUSING

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year :

1. Number of preliminary enquiries made	64
2. Number of applications made	25
3. Number of applications approved by the Council ...	25
4. Number of houses where work was completed during the year	19
5. Average amount per house	£292
6. Number of applicants advised Council were unlikely to approve an application	9

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
No. of applications made ...	29	18	19	26	25
No. of applications approved	29	18	19	26	25
No. of houses completed ...	16	25	20	28	19
Average amount per house ...	£232	£216	£252	£249	£292

STANDARD GRANTS. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year :

Number of preliminary enquiries made	56
Number of applications received	24
Number of applications approved	15
Number of houses where work was completed during the year	15
Average amount per house	£81
Number of Applicants informed no grant could be given	5

RENT ACT, 1957. No applications were received during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

It is the duty of every local Authority to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who dies or is found dead in their area, in any case where it appears that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made. It was not necessary to do so during the year.

PET ANIMAL ACT, 1952

This Act came into operation on the 1st April, 1952. It is necessary for a person keeping a Pet Shop to be licensed by the Council. Three licences were renewed during the year.

FIREGUARDS ACT, 1953

This Act came into operation on 1st October, 1953. The Act and the Orders and Regulations made thereunder make provision for the fitting of guards of approved type to all heating appliances.

All appliances manufactured after 1st October, 1953, must comply with the provisions of the Act and the provisions apply to all fires, etc., sold by retail after 1st October, 1954.

No difficulty has been experienced with regard to the sale of such appliances.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Applications for Site Licences were received in respect of a number of sites. These have been dealt with in accordance with the Act, and, after determination of their requirements under the Principal Act, Licences have been issued in respect of 6 sites.

Enquiries as to the provisions of the Act continue to be received and action and vigilance is required to control the unlawful siting of caravans.

RODENT CONTROL

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, no charge was made for work carried out at private dwellings but the full cost of work at business premises was recovered.

Co-operation has been maintained with the officials of the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and their advice is always appreciated.

Annual Test Baiting was carried out in April in 393 man-holes in 31 sewerage systems. As a result it was necessary to carry out a maintenance treatment in May in 9 systems. The second maintenance treatment was carried out in November in 7 systems. The Council's Sewage Disposal Works were treated on 27 occasions, the Refuse Tips on 13 occasions, and the Playing Fields on 3 occasions.

Details of the work carried out during the year can be seen from the table.

The work was carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator, assisted part-time by another workman in the Department.

The methods advocated by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the extermination of rats and mice were used, the bait bases being damp sausage rusk, bread mash, oatmeal and sugar meal, and the poisons Zink Phosphide, Arsenious Oxide, Antu (alpha-naphthyl-thiourea and Warfarin.

FOOD

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Five applications for the renewal of licences were received, all of which were granted.

During the year visits were made as follows:

Slaughterhouses	1,354.
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1963

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agri- cultural
1	No. of properties in Local Authority's District	50 (approx.)	14,000 (approx.)	620 (approx.)	14,670	635 (approx.)
2	Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	3	283	23	309	10
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—					
	Common rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	3	194	18	215	6
	Ship rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	8	3	11	—
3	Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	45	839	7	891	17
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—					
	Common rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	13	65	1	79	—
	Ship rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agri- cultural
4	Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	2	4	—	6	—
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:—					
	Common rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	2	2	—	4	—
	Ship rat { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ...	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ...	—	—	—	—	—
5	Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	187	5645	132	5964	32
6	Number of infested properties (in Sections 2, 3 and 4) treated by the L.A.	18	269	22	309	6
7	Total treatments carried out — including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	66	480	19	565	6
8	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:—					
	(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Work (i.e., Proofing) ...	—	—	—	—	—
9	No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
10	Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
11	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	—	—	—	—

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	500	2067	52	12940	19904
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci— Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	6	40	36
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	630	—	3090	855
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.2	30.4	11.5	23.8	4.3
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	317
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	1.5
Cysticercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of carcasses and organs found to be diseased and voluntarily surrendered was 15 tons 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

Diseased meat, etc., is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

MILK

The number of dairies and distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, are as follows :

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	23
Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	35
						—
						58
						—

23 visits of inspection were made during the year.

FOOD PREMISES

Inspections of Food Premises were carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and notices served where necessary.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows :

The manufacture of Ice Cream for sale	2
The sale of Ice Cream	...
The manufacture of Preserved Food	...
	47
	—
	220
	—

During the year, 7 premises were registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream.

48 visits were made to food premises during the year, and a total weight of 11 cwts. 3 qrs. 1 lb. of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Byelaws as to the handling and sale of food are in force in the Rural District. Minor contraventions were detected, but these were quickly rectified when the shopkeepers were notified.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undermentioned figures apply to the period from the 1st April, 1963, to the 31st March, 1964.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

Number of licences renewed during the above period	...	73
Number of new licences issued during the above period	...	4
Number of licences transferred	...	...
	...	1

During recent years the work in connection with Petroleum Spirit storage has increased considerably. Much time has been spent in supervising the installation of tanks and pumps and testing same.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

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